



# COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Fighting Poverty by Empowering People

## OVERVIEW

In 2009, over 20,900 clients from 14,500 households received at least one CAA service. The primary categories through which CSBG services are delivered are:

- employment assistance
- education
- income management
- housing
- nutrition
- self sufficiency
- emergency assistance
- linkages
- health

CSBG provides funds to the State and Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to:

- prioritize the needs of the poor,
- create opportunities for low-income individuals,
- address the causes of poverty, and
- collaborate with partner agencies to ensure the long-term client success of becoming self sufficient.

### NORTH DAKOTA'S 2009 CSBG ALLOCATION

CAA Pass-through Funding	(91%)	\$3,104,728
State Administration	(4%)	\$ 136,472
Special Projects / Discretionary Funds	(5%)	\$ 170,589
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>		<b>\$3,411,789</b>

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

In February of 2009, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), state CSBG programs were awarded \$4,573,445 in CSBG ARRA funds. These additional funds made it possible for North Dakota CAAs to:

- assist more clients due to the increase in funding, and
- provide more comprehensive support to further assist individuals and families in becoming independent and self sufficient.

### NORTH DAKOTA'S 2009 CSBG ARRA ALLOCATION

CAA Pass-through Funding	(99%)	\$4,527,711
Benefits Enrollment Coordination Activities	(1%)	\$ 45,734
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>		<b>\$4,573,445</b>

1% of the CSBG ARRA award was dedicated to Benefits Enrollment Coordination Activities to provide education and outreach to low-income citizens to help them access needed services.

#### 2009 Poverty Income Guidelines Example (Household of 4)

100% of Poverty	\$22,050
125% of Poverty Regular CSBG eligibility level prior to FY 2009	\$27,563
200% of Poverty CSBG ARRA eligibility level and regular CSBG level for FY 2009 and 2010	\$44,100

#### Increase in Program Eligibility Level

In North Dakota, eligibility for services provided through the CSBG has always been at or below 125% of poverty level. With the passing of ARRA, CSBG program eligibility was raised to at or below 200% of the poverty level, allowing CAA services to assist more people in need.

## RESULTS

In 2009, CSBG and CSBG ARRA funds enabled the CAAs to mobilize over \$24,000,000 in additional public and private funding resources to address poverty in the state. Other measureable results from CSBG and CSBG ARRA funding include:

- Over 24,500 low-income individuals received emergency food assistance.
- Over 9,900 low-income individuals received emergency rent or mortgage assistance.
- Over 7,800 low-income individuals received emergency fuel or utility vendor payments.
- Over 6,000 senior citizens and individuals with disabilities who received services from the CAAs were able to maintain an independent living situation.
- Over \$67,000 was saved by Individual Development Account clients who are saving with the goal of purchasing a home, pursuing post-secondary education or starting a business.
- Over 1,200 CAA clients obtained health care services to gain or maintain family stability and employment.
- Nearly 2,000 volunteers provided over 70,000 hours of volunteer service to CAAs, valued at over \$508,000 of in-kind support to the CAAs.

#### Where to go for additional information:

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- Region II – Minot CAA: 701-839-7221
- Region III – Devils Lake CAA: 701-662-6500
- Region IV – Grand Forks CAA: 701-746-5431
- Region V – Fargo CAA: 701-232-2452
- Region VI – Jamestown CAA: 701-252-1821
- Region VII – Bismarck CAA: 701-258-2240
- CAA for Regions I & VIII – Williston: 701-572-8191; Dickinson: 701-227-0131

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